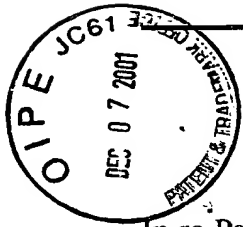


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 28, 29, and 34 as follows:

28. (Amended) A method of producing a multilayer metal foil product

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combining a plurality of continuous metal foil layers to form an advancing continuous stack of metal foil layers;

scoring or creasing the advancing stack of continuous metal foil layers across at least a portion of the width of the stack at predetermined intervals wherein the score or crease alternates in a left and a right direction;

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